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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Response to the 21 January 2004 Final Office Action and an Affidavit Under 37 CFR 1.131.

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